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SUBJ: PRESIDENT KAUNDA VIEWS HIS VISIT

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1. DURING MY MAY 5 MEETING WITH KAUNDA I SOUGHT TO GET DIRECTLY FROM HIM AN IMPRESSION OF HOW HE VIEWS HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.

2. I NOTED PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY VANCE, ANDY YOUNG AND DICK MOOSE WERE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO THE VISIT. KAUNDA WAS INTERESTED TO HEAR OF THE TELEVISION SPOT ANDY HAD DONE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE VISIT WHICH WILL BE SHOWN HERE MONDAY. I SAID WE ALL WANTED THE VISIT TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND ASKED THE PRESIDENT IN WHAT TERMS HE WOULD VIEW THE RESULTS OF THE VISIT. KAUNDA REPLIED THAT THE VISIT HAD TWO ASPECTS--POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC. THE FIRST WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN TRYING TO TELL THE WEST FOR MANY YEARS WHAT HAD TO BE DONE HERE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. NOW IT WAS UP TO THEM, SPECIFICALLY THE BRITISH, THE AMERICANS AND THE GERMANS. IN THE COURSE OF HIS VISIT TO LONDON AND WASHINGTON AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S VISIT TO LUSAKA (JUNE 29), HE WOULD GET A CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT THE WEST WAS PREPARED TO DO TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION IN ZIMBABWE
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AND NAMIBIA. KAUNDA SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED BY PROGRESS MADE IN DAR. HE UNDERSTOOD FROM MARK CHONA THAT EVEN DAVID OWEN ACCEPTED THE MEETING HAD BEEN A USEFUL ONE. HE BELIEVE WE COULD BUILD ON THIS.

3. IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD, HE SAID, HE HAD GOTTEN THE IMPRESSION RECENTLY THAT THE U.S. WAS WILLING TO ASSIST WITH HIS ECONOMIC

PROBLEMS. HE HOPED THAT WE COULD MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS AND IN THIS REGARD HE WAS BRINGING HIS MINISTERS OF FINANCE AND AGRICULTURE. HE SAID HE HAD JUST DECIDED TO ADD THE MINISTER OF MINES WHO COULD TALK TO INVESTORS IN THE UNITED STATES INTERESTED IN HELPING DEVELOP THIS FIELD OF ACTIVITY IN ZAMBIA.

4. I RESPONDED THAT I KNEW PRESIDENT CARTER WAS ANXIOUS TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA IN AS GREAT DETAIL AS POSSIBLE. HE LOOKED FORWARD TO RECEIVING PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S ADVICE AND TO DISCUSSING NEXT STEPS.

5. COMMENT: IT WAS EVIDENT THAT KAUNDA WANTED TO SAVE FOR PRESIDENT CARTER THE THRUST OF HIS ARGUMENT AS DESCRIBED IN REFTELS. HOWEVER I BELIEVE THAT HIS COMMENTS CITED ABOVE PROVIDE CONFIRMATION THAT HE WILL INDEED APPROACH THE PRESIDENT AS SUGGESTED THEREIN: THAT IS, THAT HE WILL TREAT THE PRESIDENT TO A FAIRLY LENGTHY HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION OF HIS WARNINGS THAT THE WEST IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PUTTING SMITH IN OFFICE, SUPPORTING HIM THERE AND MUST REMOVE HIM. IF IT DOES NOT, HE WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TURN TO THE CUBANS AND SOVIETS.
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